

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/725,705

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tuan D. Nguyen

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/02/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 28-68 and renumbered 1-41.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record teaches helmet headset systems, thereon, for example U.S. patent number 6,075,857. However, the prior art of record fails to show claim 28, a motorcycle helmet headset, comprising: at least one audio transducer; a transducer connector for electrically connecting said at least one audio transducer to a plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems adapted for use with respective different types of audio transducers, said transducer connector having a plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding respectively to said different types of audio transducers; and an audio signal conduit adapted for interconnecting the headset with a first one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems, said audio signal conduit having a first proximal connector adapted to interconnect with said transducer connector and thereby operatively couple to a first one of said plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding to the type of audio transducer for which said first one of said audio systems is adapted and claim 63, a method for connecting a motorcycle helmet headset comprising at least one audio transducer to a selected one of a plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems, comprising the steps of: a) providing a connector having a plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding respectively to the different types of motorcycle audio systems; (b) providing an audio signal conduit adapted for interconnecting a first of said distinct sets of connector terminals with a first one of the different types of motorcycle audio systems; and (c) selecting a first set of connector terminals from among said distinct sets of connector terminals by mating said audio signal conduit mechanically to said connector, and thereby electrically coupling the selected said connector terminals to the selected motorcycle audio system.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reference U.S. 6,075,857 teaches a motorcycle helmet headset.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-7168. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (703) 305-4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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